

# Enrollment at Naval Hospital Pensacola and Naval Branch Health Clinics effective 08 May 2006

## General Policy

Naval Hospital Pensacola (NHP) staff Active Duty Service Members (ADSM) must enroll in TRICARE Prime at NHP. Active Duty Family Members (ADFM) choosing to enroll in TRICARE Prime must enroll to NHP. ADFMs currently enrolled to a local Network Primary Care Manager (PCM) and who request a PCM change to another local network PCM do not need a waiver to enroll to the requested PCM. This exception does not apply to new enrollments nor portabilities to the local NHP area. New enrollment is **CLOSED** for Retired Members (RM) and Retired Family Members (RFM) at NHP and Naval Branch Health Clinics (NBHC). Beneficiaries may request a PCM change twice per enrollment year. PCM changes will be contingent upon available capacity. Retirees may re-enroll to the NHP/NBHC if they were disenrolled because of non-payment ONLY if disenrollment was within the past six months.

- a. NHP:
  - Family Practice (FP) enrollment is **OPEN** to NHP staff ADSMs and ADFMs. If a current FP enrollee status changes – enrollee may stay with the current FP PCM and will be 'force assigned' if necessary. This will ensure continuity of care unless otherwise requested by the patient.
  - Internal Medicine (IM) enrollment is **CLOSED** to NHP staff ADSMs and ADFMs. No PCM changes accepted unless IM Department Head approves change.
  - Pediatrics enrollment is **OPEN** to ADFMs below the age of 18.
- b. NBHC: 'Force assign' ADSM to NBHC even if clinic is at capacity.
  - NASP, NATTC, Corry and Panama City are **OPEN** to ADSMs only.
  - Whiting Field Aviation Medicine is currently **OPEN** to ADSM only. Whiting Field Family Medicine is **OPEN** to ADSM and ADFMs. ADFM living in Milton area choosing to enroll in TRICARE Prime must enroll to Whiting Field or NHP.
  - Mid-South, Meridian and Gulfport ADFMs choosing to enroll in TRICARE Prime must enroll to their area NBHC.
    - Meridian – Pediatric patients (ages 0-17) may enroll to NBHC Family Practice Physician or to a local Network Pediatrician.
    - Gulfport – No new pediatric patients (ages 0-17)
  - If the NBHC has no capacity, ADFMs may enroll to a civilian PCM and no waiver is necessary.
  - If an ADFM is currently enrolled to a local Network PCM and requests a PCM change to another local network PCM, no waiver is necessary to enroll to the requested PCM. This does not apply to new enrollments nor portabilities to the local NBHC area.

## Exceptions for Retirees and Retired Family Members

- a. ADSM and their ADFMs enrolled in TRICARE Prime may enroll in TRICARE Prime to NHP/NBHC within 60 days of retiring.
- b. ADSM and their ADFMs not enrolled in TRICARE Prime may enroll in TRICARE Prime to NHP/NBHC within 60 days of retiring.
- c. ADSM, ADFM, RM or RFM who are enrolled in NHP/NBHC TRICARE Prime and if other members of the same family are not enrolled to NHP/NBHC, the non-enrolled members may enroll.
- d. Retired Flag Officers and family members may enroll at any time.

## TRICARE Plus

The Tricare Plus Program is **CLOSED** with the following exceptions:

- a. Beneficiaries enrolled in TRICARE Prime at NHP may enroll into TRICARE Plus upon Medicare eligibility at age 65. The enrollee **MUST** complete a TRICARE Plus Application at the Health Benefits Office. The beneficiary will be enrolled to their current PCM to ensure continuity of care unless otherwise requested.
- b. Dependent parents of ADSM must be enrolled to NHP, NASP, NATTC, Corry or Whiting Field with no other means of health insurance are permitted to enroll in TRICARE Plus if they reside in the 40 mile NHP catchment area.

**Additional exception requests or concerns should be addressed at the Health Benefits Office (850.505.6709)**